GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:208
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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government had expressed dissatisfaction over the allocation of funds to the prestigious Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme by the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Planning Commission had omitted the programme from the priority agenda;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the funds allocated for the said programme by the Planning Commission;

(e) whether the Government have impressed upon the Planning Commission that the poor allocation could put the SSA and the literacy mission under jeopardy;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps being taken by the government to get accorded priority status for SSA from the Planning Commission?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PAS WAN)

(a) to (g): The total allocation wider Sarva Shiksha Abhiyanfor the Tenth Plan Period is Rs.17,000 crore against the total requirement of Rs.32,000 crores projected by the Working Groups on Elementary Education & Literacy for the Tenth Plan, set upby the Planning Commission. Against this allocation, the total release for the frst two-year of the Plan period has been Rs.3619 crores. Govt.of India is pursuing with the Planning Commission for a higher outlay in the current year and for the coming three years of the Plan period.